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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED REF A RELATIVE TO THE NUCLEAR SUBMARINES AND PATROL GUNBOATS WHICH WERE CITED PARA 2C OF REF B AS ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS TO SACEUR IN PLACE OF THE HOMEPORTED DESTROYER ESCORTS.

A. AS NOTED IN REF C, USS GRAND RAPIDS (PG-98) AND USS DOUGLAS (PG-100) WILL BE HOMEPORTED IN NAPLES. GRAND RAPIDS AND DOUGLAS ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN NAPLES IN AUGUST 1973, THUS RETURNING THE U.S. PATROL GUNBOAT FORCE LEVEL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND HOMEPORTED IN NAPLES, TO A TOTAL OF FOUR. THE HOMEPORTING OF THE FOUR PGS IN NAPLES WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE GOI.

B. THE ADDITIONAL NUCLEAR SUBMARINES WILL NOT BE HOMEPORTED IN THE FORWARD AREA. ALL U.S. SUBMARINES OPERATING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ARE HOMEPORTED IN CONUS AND ROTATIONALLY DEPLOY TO THE MEDITERRANEAN FOR A NOMINAL SIX MONTH PERIOD. THIS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE, IN PART, BY THE HOMEPORTING OF THE USS GILMORE AT LA MADDALENA TO PROVIDE TENDER SERVICES.

C. ASIDE FROM THE REMOVAL WITHOUT REPLACEMENT OF THE THREE DESTROYER ESCORTS, THE NAVY HAS NO OTHER HOMEPORTING PLANS INVOLVING NAPLES AT THIS TIME. ROGERS

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